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Prof. Sereno Watson,  
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Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your note of 19th inst requesting us not to do anything in the preparation of plates for the Manual from the coppers which you sent till we hear from you again. The copper plates were already in the hands of the engraver when your note was received and we thought it best to leave them there even though the plate resulting might have to be done over again, as this trial would enable us to determine the question as to whether the photo-engravers can make relief plates which will print satisfactorily for use in the Manual. This is a question that we are not absolutely certain about and so it will be an advantage for us to have this trial plate made although it may have to be replaced by another one later. The corrections which you sent on the 11th had already been made in the plate before it went to the photo-engraver. Whatever the result is it will be of advantage for us to know at the earliest possible time whether we can depend upon relief printing for the plates, and as the time is getting closer and closer to the first of January we think it desirable to anticipate all these questions and have them out of the way before it becomes necessary to rush the book on to the press.

Yours truly,

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